



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

September 1, 2010
7:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 1101

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Mayor Bill Euille, Donna Fossum, Jesse Jennings, Councilman Krupicka, Jennifer Mitchell, Kevin Posey, Phil Voorhees, Justin Wilson

Staff Present: Karen Callahan-T&ES, Abi Lerner-T&ES, Al Himes-DASH, Pat Mann-P&Z, Sandra Marks-T&ES, Jim Maslanka-T&ES, Valerie Peterson-P&Z, Andrea Wilkinson-T&ES

A quorum being present, the Transportation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

1. Minutes

Acting Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm. Commissioner Jennings asked for clarification on Route 1 being one of the high capacity transitways. It was decided that in “the vicinity of the Route 1 corridor” should replace “Route 1”. There being no additional corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as amended was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Monthly Funding Update

T&ES Staff Abi Lerner shared that not much funding activity has occurred since the July meeting due to August summer recesses. He announced that no response has been received regarding the application for a regional bike sharing program, part of the TIGER II grant submitted in conjunction with local regional jurisdictions. NVTA funds for one additional trolley have been found from unutilized funding sources. That will bring the trolley acquisition to 5 trolleys.

3. CMAQ/RSTP – PUBLIC HEARING

T&ES staff Sandra Marks gave background information on the funding cycle, staff recommendations and prioritization of the CMAQ/RSTP funds. T&ES staff Jim Maslanka also communicated as background information that the City request funds from the State through NVTA to acquire federal funds through the CMAQ and RSTP programs. After the staff presentation, and comments from citizens during the public hearing proceedings, the Commission voted and approved the priority of projects on the staff memo with the following changes: switching numbers 5 with 9; reducing Exclusive Transitways funding from \$500,000 to \$240,000; and using the remaining \$260,000 to allow the possibility for other high priorities.

4. BRAC-133

Abi Lerner reported the BRAC-133 final TMP Public Hearing will be September 2, 2010 at 12:30 pm. On September 16, Congress Moran will hold a Town Hall Meeting. The BRAC-133 Advisory Group will meet on September 17. The BRAC Adhoc Committee will meet on September 21. A detail not included in the TMP draft but discussed in meetings, is the lack of specificity in terms of routing of shuttle buses. However, after discussions with the City, the Army has indicated an interest in transit providers in lieu of Federal Government shuttles. Abi revealed the two BRAC studies that are underway; short and mid term improvements and long-term improvements, are being funded 50/50 by the City and DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment. Funding responsibilities for the improvements are not finalized. The City's new BRAC coordinator has been hired.

5. Funding for Priority Transportation Projects

Abi Lerner updated the Transportation Commission on the work of the subcommittee looking at funding for priority transportation projects. Using transportation LRP's as the key element to establish priority projects, rankings, economic benefits and implementation time frame of projects will be a critical consideration in selection of projects. Lastly, a process to reach out to stakeholders such as the Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Real Estate Brokers, BBIA, NIOP, etc. to assist with the process of selecting projects and funding sources is also being discussed. Commissioners should submit their comments and suggestions to staff before staff notification of the October meeting.

6. Beauregard Corridor Transportation

A comprehensive multi-modal transportation study is being done for the Beauregard Corridor Study. A number of redevelopment opportunities exist in the area and the City is studying the transportation issues related to the proposed plan. The study is looking at 25 intersections and the implications of increased transit in the corridor. A September 30 public meeting is planned.

7. Staff Updates

Abi Lerner announced the City's new BRAC Coordinator has been hired and will be introduced at a future meeting.

Parking – Abi Lerner gave a brief overview of the final recommendations of the Old Town Parking Study Workgroup who met six times over the summer to recommend implementation of chosen recommendations set forth in the parking study. Key items discussed during the meetings were extension of meter hours, time limits, type, locations, new payment options technology, all may park, all must pay, increased parking rates, extended hours for garages, and City-owned lots for valet parking. A report of the workgroup's recommendations will be sent to Council later in September with a request for a Council work session on the recommendations on October 12.

Transitway Feasibility Study – Jim Maslanka announced the 13-month Transitway Feasibility Study is underway. It is having a major input into the Beauregard Corridor Study. There is a Sept. 30 Beauregard Corridor meeting wherein the Transitway Feasibility Study will be on the agenda. Discussions are ongoing to form a Transitway Feasibility Working Group to

allow for citizen input. Jim also conveyed that additional funding sources are being researched to assist with the transitways.

CCPY – The Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway project has been progressing through the summer. The transitway will consist of three segments in the City's portion of the transitway; Braddock Metro to Monroe Ave Bridge; Monroe Ave Bridge to E. Glebe Rd; E. Glebe Rd. to Four Mile Run. Currently, work is ongoing in the section from the Monroe Ave Bridge to E. Glebe Rd. as all funding is in place for this segment - a total of \$14.54 million.

8. Commission Updates

Staff Abi Lerner welcomed Justin Wilson who will officially become a Transportation Commissioner at the October 6 meeting. Abi also announced Commissioner Blakesley's resignation from the Commission and informed the Commissioners that elections for Chair will be held at the October meeting. With Chair Blakesley's resignation from the Commission, a representative from the Commission is needed for the BRAC Advisory Council. Commissioner Fossum volunteered to be that representative.

9. Other Business

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:40 pm, seconded and unanimously accepted.